

REMARKS

This voluntary amendment is being made to adopt the allowed claims and claims being indicated as directed to allowable subject matter, as outlined in the Advisory Action issued by the Examiner on December 2, 2003. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated the status of claims to be such that claims 38-61 are allowed, claims 11-37 and 63-69 are objected to and claims 1-10 and 62 are rejected. The amendment after final was entered by the Examiner for purposes of the appeal which was filed on October 29, 2003.

In light of the indicated allowability of claim 11, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 11 and, therefore, should now be in condition for formal allowance. In view of the amendment of claim 1, claims 3, 4, 6 7 9 10 and 12 through 37 should now be in condition for formal allowance. Claims 38 through 61 have been allowed.

Claim 62 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 63 which was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. Therefore, claim 62 should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 64 has been amended to incorporate the entirety of previous claim 62 therein, therefore, this claim should also be in condition for formal allowance with the claims

depending therefrom also being in condition for formal allowance. In a like manner, claim 69 has been amended to place it in independent format to include the original subject matter of claim 62. Due to the indicated allowability of claim 69, this claim should now be in condition for formal allowance.

As this response is being filed one month after the due date of the filing of the Appeal Brief, a separate request for one month extension of time is attached hereto together with the required government fee. Any deficiencies in the government fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

As this amendment has converted two dependent claims to independent claims (claims 64 and 60), the fees for two additional Independent claims are submitted, any deficiencies may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

This amendment is being made subject to applicants' right to seek continuation or divisional applications with respect to the claims which have been cancelled or amended in order to place the application in condition for formal allowance.

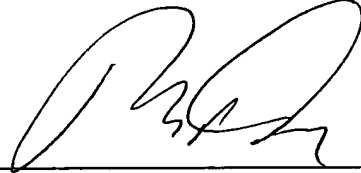
Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the allowability of the application based upon this amendment, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number shown

below for purposes of further expediting the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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